

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on January 10, 2005 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Davalos noted the lack of a quorum and called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 10:20 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Davalos  
Vice President Lesser  
Commissioner Creary  
Commissioner Rodriguez

President Davalos then asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner Lila Morgan, who had passed away Thursday, January 6, 2005.

Introduction of the audience followed.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Davalos reported on activities of the Glassell Park Homeowner's Association and on a meeting with Executive Office management concerning financial issues related to the 5k Run Walk and Health Expo.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Vice President Lesser reported on the expenditures for the month of December 2004. The beginning balance for November was \$22,441.30; expenditures were \$800.00; income was \$133.70; and the ending balance was \$21,775.00. The monthly spending allowance for January 2005 is \$3,629.17.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Staff reported the following:

- The National Center for Victims of Crime will recognize the Second Annual National Stalking Awareness Month in January to focus attending on this serious and deadly crime, which victimizes more than one million women and nearly 400,000 men in this country each year.
- The Commission for Women receives email newsletters from Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, the National Association of Female Executive and other organizations.

- Ellen Eidem of the Office of Women's Health is scheduled to speak on February 14, 2004. Staff has also sent a letter to the Office of Women's Health requesting the Commission's representation and addition to the mailing list for the Women's Health Policy Council.

Commissioners asked staff to provide a list of those email newsletters for commissioners to subscribe to. Commissioner Creary requested staff to re-schedule Ms. Eidem's presentation to another date.

#### **APPROVAL OF 20 2004 5K SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIP ORIENTATION ON JANUARY 11, 2005**

Nyla Jefferson, Executive Office, presented a list of recommended scholarship recipients. The Commission continued ratification of these scholarship recipients until the next meeting.

#### **PRESENTATION ON COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MAINTAINING THE COMMISSION WEBSITE**

Gary Sysock, Deputy Executive Officer and Division Chief of Information Resources Management, explained costs associated with converting the Commission for Women website to a portal based website to meet new county requirements. He emphasized that the estimated cost of at least \$10,000 for the Internal Services Department to convert the website was much lower than cost of using outside independent consultants or technical experts from computer corporations. As an alternative, for no charge the Commission could post its agendas, minutes and reports on a new county webpage for county commissions using a system called Stellant . He also spoke on the Commission staff time required to maintain the website and some of the technical capabilities of portal based websites.

President Davalos thanked Mr. Sysock for his informative presentation.

#### **CLARIFY AND REFINE THE WORDING OF THE CONDOLENCE POLICY IN THE TRUST FUND CRITERIA**

Vice President Lesser indicated she preferred the suggested wording provided by staff that referred to the existing county bereavement policy.

The Commission then continued this discussion to the next meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Health Committee:** Commissioner Creary requested that staff schedule the next committee meeting for February 28, 2005. She also reported on Supervisor Knabe's motion concerning the County Hospital Authority. She then announced a free prostate cancer screening held at West Angeles Church of God in Christ on January 15, 2005.

**Domestic Violence Subcommittee:** Commissioner Rodriguez requested Commissioners to forward to her any suggestions on the letter to county departments on a domestic violence report. The Commission tabled approval of this letter to the next meeting. The next Subcommittee meeting is January 24, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 830.

**Legislative Committee:** There was no report.

**Media/Public Relations Committee:** There was no report.

**Older Women's Issues Committee:** There was no report.

**Awards Luncheon Committee:** President Davalos reported on the theme for this year's luncheon, "Our Spirit, Unity and Peace." Nyla Jefferson, Executive Office, reported on developments with the luncheon awards, the Mistress of Ceremonies, entertainment, the monies raised and that Supervisor Molina has RSVP'd for the event. President Davalos requested staff to contact Queens Care and thank them for their sponsorship. Also, at its meeting this morning the Committee reviewed nomination applications.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Genevieve Clavreul spoke on The King/Drew Medical Center.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting.)

Vice President Lesser reported on her presentation with Supervisor Knabe's staff of the \$500 donation to the Su Casa Domestic Violence Shelter. She also reported that she will be attending the Distinguished Speakers Program. She mentioned planning for the American Heart Association's Heart Ball and suggested that the Commission discuss considering attending the Go Red Luncheon.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported the following:

- The 5K Scholarship Reception Award is scheduled for January 11, 2005.
- The Best Buy Stores scholarship program deadline is February 15, 2005.
- She invited the Commissioners to participate in mentoring month, which is January.
- The Los Angeles County Christmas program was at the Music Center.
- She asked the Commission to consider the Mariachi Divas as entertainment at future Commission events.

**MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA:** Steve Erickson, Executive Office, informed Commissioners of their opportunity to participate in the Critical Issues Survey from the California Commission on the Status of Women.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Karin Davalos, President  
Charlotte Lesser, Vice President  
Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Ruth Creary, Ph.D  
Olivia Rodriguez

### **EXCUSED**

Reiko Duba, Treasurer  
Wadie Gravely  
Ruth Jernigan  
Bonnie Lewis  
Janet Mummey, Esq.  
Barbara Perkins

### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Executive Office Staff: Khanh Nguyen, Gary Sysock, Steve Erickson, Nyla Jefferson, Gabriel Alexander and Audra Galang.

### **GUEST**

Genevieve Clavreul